

The Virginia Indigent Defense Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 109  
Richmond, VA 23229  
June 4, 2009

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 10:25 am by Acting Chair, Judge Alan Rosenblatt. Other Commission members in attendance were Judge Edward Hanson, Carmen Williams, and Chris Anderson. Administrative staff included Executive Director, David Johnson; Deputy Director, DJ Geiger; and Diane Pearson.

With four Commission Members in attendance quorum requirements have been met.

Judge Hanson moved to waive the reading of the June 12, 2008 and the October 24, 2008 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the June 12, 2008 and the October 24, 2008 Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

The next order of business is to recommend to the Full Commission the chair and vice chair for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Judge Hanson moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Full Commission that Judge Rosenblatt be elected as the Chairman and Mr. Anderson be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Commission for one year beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.** Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next order of business is the change in committee assignments.

Judge Rosenblatt said that the sub committee assignments are for one year terms and it was time to review them. The thinking was that it would be appropriate for the Vice Chairman of the Commission to Chair the Budget Committee. The other proposed change is for Maria Jankowski to chair the Personnel and Training Committee.

Mr. Johnson added that the proposal drops from six members on each committee to five, which makes it easier to get a quorum and allows us to not have most Commission members on more than one committee.

**Judge Hanson made a motion to recommend these changes to the Full Commission. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Mr. Johnson said that every year we are required, in addition to voting on committee memberships, to review and reauthorize the committees and their authority. He found what he believes was an oversight. Under the authority of the Personnel and Training Committee, it says that the committee has the authority to make recommendations to the Full Commission for the hiring of the Executive

Director, which has always been the intent. It also says, "and the Deputy Director", which was never the intent and is not in compliance with the statute, so the proposal is to delete "and Deputy."

Ms. Geiger added that the language of the statute provides:

"The Commission shall have the following powers and duties: to hire and employ and at its pleasure, remove an executive director, counsel, and such other persons as it deems necessary, and to authorize the executive director to appoint, after prior notice to the Commission, a deputy director and for each of the above offices, a public defender or capital defender..."

Judge Hanson made a motion to approve the authority of the committees with the amendments provided by the staff. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no further business.

**Judge Hanson moved to adjourn. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

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Diane Z. Pearson, Administrative Assistant

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David J. Johnson, Executive Director